

Policy Advisor on Industrial and Tech Policy Washington, DC

The AFL-CIO Technology Institute is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization launched in 2021 to bring the voices of working people and unions into technology development and innovation policy. Creation of the Institute was a core recommendation of the 2019 AFL-CIO Commission on the Future of Work and Unions, a multi-sector collaborative of union leaders determined to build a powerful strategy to prepare our movement for the future of work.

The Institute is seeking to hire a Policy Advisor focused on industrial and tech policy. The position will work at the intersection of labor and technology, examining and influencing how technological investments and innovations affect workers, workplaces, and democracy.

The Policy Advisor will serve as lead researcher and policy analyst for their issue area, building expert content knowledge and advocacy skills to help to shape the Technology Institute's research and policy platform, advancing a worker-centered agenda. Working closely with the Executive Director and the Policy & Research Director, the Policy Advisor will support a policy portfolio that could include the following: investments in the CHIPS and Science Act, regional innovation, digital trade policy, and tech hubs, among other issues.

The Technology Institute's mission is to create technology and innovation policies and practices, and build multi-sector strategies that improve the lives of working people and ensure public R&D investments equitably benefit workers and communities. From Congressional offices to the shop floor, this is a unique opportunity to shape the future for working people across the country and develop a new organizational voice on technology and the future of work.

The position reports to the Policy & Research Director.

DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES:

- Advance the AFL-CIO Technology Institute's policy agenda on industrial policy, including worker rights, investments in the CHIPS and Science Act, regional innovation, trade policy, and tech hubs, among other issues;
- Conduct research and policy analysis, developing testimony, education materials, comments on proposed regulations, implementation guidance, written reports, factsheets, and policy papers;
- Develop materials explaining public policy positions for the AFL-CIO officers, affiliates, and state and local bodies and support the Institute's public affairs and communications initiatives;

- Educate and advise federal and state policymakers, including the Administration and the Congress.
- Translate technology and other complex issues into actionable information for unions and labor federations;
- Collaborate with labor movement partners, including the AFL-CIO, unions and state and local labor federations.
- Facilitate meetings, workshops, and coordinate with departments on issues that involve policy;
- Build relationships and develop areas of collaboration with external partners that coordinate similar work.
- Perform other duties as assigned.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Bachelor's Degree or equivalent experience in related field or equivalent experience with specific demonstrated experience in with worker organizations;
- Graduate degree or applicable experience in relevant discipline preferred;
- Demonstrated experience in the labor movement, civil rights movement, or consumer protection and civil liberties organizations;
- At least 5 years of relevant work experience and demonstrated success in relevant areas;
- Excellent communication and writing skills, including demonstrated ability to write policy documents, testimony, regulatory comment, and reports, suggest changes to legislative language, successful ability to speak to large and diverse groups of professionals, youth, leaders and peers;
- Demonstrated experience and highly proficient in use of online tools and databases;
- Demonstrated ability to manage and prioritize multiple tasks in a fast-paced environment;
- Commitment to the principles and goals of the labor movement, social and economic justice and racial equity;
- Demonstrated ability to work independently within the context of a plan as part of a larger team;
- Effective organizational and time management skills and able to handle multiple high priority projects;
- Excellent interpersonal skills and the ability to manage relationships in complex political and sensitive organizational situations;
- Ability to travel as required;
- Ability to work long hours or weekends as required.

Starting annual salary is \$85,000-95,000

Resumes and Cover Letter should be emailed to Christie Bieber at Cbieber@aflciotechinstitue.org

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